

NEWS RELEASE

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** **UPDATE** **

Incident: Fatal Hit and Run Investigation

Location: Ventura Ave. @ Prospect St.

Date/Time Occurred: 8-10-2018 @ 2037 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Patrol and Traffic Unit

Suspect(s): Juan Caudillo Cisneros, 65 years of age, Ventura Resident

Report #: 18-10934

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a Hit and Run collision that just occurred at Ventura Ave and Prospect. As officers arrived on <u>scene</u>, they learned from witnesses that the victim (Michael Pedigo), walked between two parked cars and into the northbound lane of traffic on N. Ventura Avenue. A white four-door vehicle driving northbound struck Mr. Pedigo and immediately pulled over to the side of the road. Without checking on the well being of Mr. Pedigo, the driver and car left the scene. Paramedics from Ventura City Fire and AMR who also responded administered first aid to Mr. Pedigo, and transported him to VCMC.

At 0400 hours, Mr. Pedigo succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the hospital. This is an ongoing investigation, and anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the investigating officer Corporal Al Gomez at 805-339-4474.

At 1230 hours today, the Ventura Police Traffic Unit arrested Juan Caudillo Cisneros for 20001 VC – Felony Hit and Run and 135 PC – Destruction of Evidence related to the fatal collision that took place with Michael Pedigo on 8-10-18 at 2037 hours at the intersection of Ventura Avenue and Prospect Street.

Through the investigation, Traffic Investigators located what they believed to be the white four-door vehicle involved in the collision. With the assistance of Ventura Police Patrol Officers, the suspected vehicle was located in Ventura. Juan Caudillo Cisneros was stopped by Investigators in the vehicle this morning and damage consistent with the collision was located. After seizing the vehicle for evidence, Traffic Investigators discovered the front windshield had recently been replaced and Juan Caudillo Cisneros was determined to be the driver of the vehicle and had the windshield repaired following the collision.

At this time, it does not appear that Juan Caudillo Cisneros was driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the collision. He was booked at the Ventura County Jail.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.